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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-4 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☒ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 24 March 2006 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Priority

1. Receipt is acknowledged of papers submitted under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d), which papers have been placed of record in the file.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed 03/24/2006 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Specification

The following guidelines illustrate the preferred layout for the specification of a utility application. These guidelines are suggested for the applicant's use.

Arrangement of the Specification

As provided in 37 CFR 1.77(b), the specification of a utility application should include the following sections in order. Each of the lettered items should appear in upper case, without underlining or bold type, as a section heading. If no text follows the section heading, the phrase "Not Applicable" should follow the section heading:

- (a) TITLE OF THE INVENTION.
- (b) CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS.
- (c) STATEMENT REGARDING FEDERALLY SPONSORED RESEARCH OR DEVELOPMENT.
- (d) THE NAMES OF THE PARTIES TO A JOINT RESEARCH AGREEMENT.
- (e) INCORPORATION-BY-REFERENCE OF MATERIAL SUBMITTED ON A COMPACT DISC.
- (f) BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION.
 - (1) Field of the Invention.
 - (2) Description of Related Art including information disclosed under 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98.
- (g) BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION.

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- (h) BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE SEVERAL VIEWS OF THE DRAWING(S).
- (i) DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION.
- (j) CLAIM OR CLAIMS (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (k) ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE (commencing on a separate sheet).
- (l) SEQUENCE LISTING (See MPEP § 2424 and 37 CFR 1.821-1.825. A "Sequence Listing"

is required on paper if the application discloses a nucleotide or amino acid sequence as defined in 37 CFR 1.821(a) and if the required "Sequence Listing" is not submitted as an electronic document on compact disc).

3. The disclosure is objected to because of the following informalities: the reference characters to describe the figures should be mentioned in the disclosure of the specification and not as part of the claims.

Appropriate correction is required.

Drawings

4. The drawings are objected to because Figs. 3 and 4 contain labels in a language other than English. Corrected drawing sheets in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. Any amended replacement drawing sheet should include all of the figures appearing on the immediate prior version of the sheet, even if only one figure is being amended. The figure or figure number of an amended drawing should not be labeled as "amended." If a drawing figure is to be canceled, the appropriate figure must be removed from the replacement sheet, and where necessary, the remaining figures must be renumbered and appropriate changes made to the brief description of the several views of the drawings for consistency. Additional replacement sheets may be necessary to show the renumbering of the remaining figures. Each drawing sheet submitted after the filing date of an application must be labeled in the top margin as either "Replacement Sheet"

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or "New Sheet" pursuant to 37 CFR 1.121(d). If the changes are not accepted by the examiner, the applicant will be notified and informed of any required corrective action in the next Office action. The objection to the drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

5. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

6. Claims 1 and 4 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Fukano et al. (US 5, 506, 595).

Regarding **claim 1**, Fukano discloses, a display unit for vehicles for displaying a virtual image reflecting a display light emitted from a display instrument, characterized by comprising:

reflection member that is held in a rotatable state and reflects the display light (Column 3, lines 7-9, and 17-26);

driving means that rotatably operates the reflection means (Column 3, lines 57-64, and Column 4, lines 31-35);

storage means that can store the positional data depending on the rotation position of the reflecting means for each user (Column 2, lines 4-8, and 31-36); and

control means that inputs the identification information from user identifying means for identifying a user (Column 2, lines 31-36) and reads the positional data corresponding to the identification information from the storage means, and operates the driving means on the basis of this read positional data (Column 2, lines 4-8, and 31-36).

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Regarding **claim 4**, Fukano discloses, the display unit for vehicles according to claim 1, characterized in that inputting the identification information from the user identifying means (Column 3, lines 4-8, Column 3, lines 31-36, and Column 4, lines 21-37), the control means operates the driving means so as to rotate the reflecting member from the present position to a new position upon input of the identification information in the case that the identification information inputted in this time is different from the previously inputted identification information, and respective positional data corresponding to the respective identification information are different (Column 4, lines 44-57).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

8. Claims 2-3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Fukano et al. (US 5, 506, 595) as applied to claim 1 above, in view of Shiobara et al. (US 2006/0291066).

The cited primary reference, Fukano, remains as applied to **claim 1 above**.

The cited primary reference does not teach the display unit is characterized in that the control means performs the first processing operation for operating the driving means so as to return the reflection member to the original position on the basis of the vehicle information that an ignition switch is turned off and performs the second processing operation for rotating the reflection member to a position set by the identified user after the completion of the first

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processing operation, and the display unit is characterized by comprising position detecting means for determining the original position.

The added secondary reference, Shiobara teaches, that in a display unit for vehicles having a reflection member, driving means, storage means, and control means that it would be desirable for the display unit is characterized in that the control means performs the first processing operation for operating the driving means so as to return the reflection member to the original position on the basis of the vehicle information that an ignition switch is turned off (Paragraph 0005, lines 1-11) and performs the second processing operation for rotating the reflection member to a position set by the identified user after the completion of the first processing operation (Paragraph 0009, lines 1-5, Paragraph 0038, lines 1-11, and Claim 2), and the display unit is characterized by comprising position detecting means for determining the original position (Paragraph 0005, lines 1-11) for the purpose of providing a display unit which allows the original position to be attained in a shorter period of time (Paragraph 0006, lines 1-8).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use the control means processing operations as taught by the display unit for vehicles of Shiobara in the display unit for vehicles of Fukano since Shiobara teaches it is well known to use these features in a display unit for vehicles for providing a display unit which allows the original position to be attained in a shorter period of time (Paragraph 0006, lines 1-8).

Conclusion

9. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.


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Iino (US 5, 510, 983) teaches a display unit for vehicles having a reflection member, driving means, storage means, and control means.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DaWayne A. Pinkney whose telephone number is (571) 270-1305. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thurs. 8 a.m.- 4:30 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ricky Mack can be reached on (571) 272-2333. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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